

TAFT MAY VISIT PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

WILL PROBABLY TAKE TRIP TO INSULAR POSSESSIONS NEXT YEAR

CHINA WILL HAVE CRUISERS BUILT HERE

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—One of the most important commissions which China has sent to the United States, so far as the "open door" policy is concerned, will arrive on the steamer Siberia, due Oct. 28, according to Captain Charles Etti, an artillery inspector of the Imperial Chinese army, who with Wang Chen, of the Chinese foreign office, arrived today on the steamer Korea.

The commission with which Captain Etti is connected, will be headed by Baron Liang Chang Chi, and a large suite. The business of the commission will be to visit all ship yards and arms factories in the United States, with a view of purchasing modern equipment for the Chinese army, and to contract for four cruisers and as many gunboats, as a nucleus for a new Chinese navy.

On the outcome of this tour of inspection depends the placing of contracts for \$20,000,000 worth of battleships and munitions.

TO HAVE ELECTRIC POWER AT RAWHIDE

Negotiations are now under way between E. W. King, president of the Rawhide Coalition and Rawhide Queen companies, and the big power company which distributes power all over the western section of the state, the Nevada-California Power company, for the installation of electric power in Rawhide. It is said that the company will extend the line from Yerington here under the condition that it is guaranteed a consumption of 200 horsepower to commence with.—Rawhide Press Times.

Completes His Visit of the Yosemite Valley Yesterday and Will Leave this Morning for Los Angeles Gives the Members of his Party a Tiresome Hike Over the Steep Trails—Two Congressmen Call for Help

(By Associated Press.)
EL PORTAL, Cal., Oct. 9.—After traveling nearly 100 miles by stage and on foot in and around the Yosemite valley, the president returned here tonight, and will resume his journey to the southwest in the morning, reaching Los Angeles early Monday morning.

Mr. Taft was wringing wet with perspiration when he reached the foot of the trail today, and had to go to bed at the Sentinel hotel while his clothing was hung out in the sun to dry.

The president began his last day in the Yosemite by looking at the sunrise over the eastern granite walls of the valley, his vantage point being the veranda of the Glacier Point hotel. After seeing the sun properly up, and at its duty, Taft then retired to sleep until 8 o'clock.

Coming down the four mile trail from Glacier Point to Yosemite's president set such a pace that he

had his two congressional escorts, Representatives McKinley and Needham, calling for help.

A 40-ton boulder of granite fell down the mountain side last night and landed directly in the road over which Mr. Taft had traveled Thursday in entering Yosemite park, and again today on his way back to El Portal. The rock was blasted off the roadway this morning by a gang of park laborers.

The members of the California delegation in congress, who have been accompanying the president on his trip through the Yosemite, have been urging him to make a trip to the Philippines in 1911. It has been pointed out that the president could make the trip nicely inside of three months by taking a fast cruiser. The president is extremely anxious to visit the islands, and stated that if he should go he would want a large congressional delegation to precede him so that he might go over the islands with them.

CONFESSES TO MURDER TO SAVE HIS MOTHER

(By Associated Press.)
SIDNEY, Neb., Oct. 9.—Anton Krupnick was a wealthy farmer living a few miles from Sidney. On the night of June 29 he arose from his bed, got a drink of water and sat down at the kitchen table. As he was seated there a bullet from a rifle was fired into his right temple, producing almost instant death.

Mrs. Krupnick telephoned the sheriff here that robbers had entered the house, stolen \$700 and then killed her husband. The money and the rifle were found wrapped in Mrs. Krupnick's apron and buried near the stable. She was arrested, charged with the murder. Yesterday in court Andrew, her 14-year-old son, testified in court that it was he and not his mother who shot his father.

After the boy had been sentenced to imprisonment for life and the case against the mother was dismissed, the boy told the sheriff that he was not guilty, notwithstanding his confession.

MODERATION, WE BEG OF YOU, MODERATION

Every day for the last two months this office has been in receipt of a letter from the Portola carnival committee, of San Francisco, containing several columns of matter pertaining to the coming festival. As fast as received the letters have been consigned to the waste basket, and this depository being about full, we heartily wish the epistles would cease. Besides, the garbage man is starting to kick.

CHARLIE WAS QUITE PLAYFUL FOR A BOY

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—Wandering from her mother's side in the kitchen of her home, 654 Minna street, shortly before noon today, little Myrtle Tremain, aged 18, paddled into the back yard, where her brother Charles was amusing himself with a bonfire, and was accidentally shoved into the flames.

The boy, realizing what he had done and afraid to take his infant sister out of harm's way, ran for the mother, who hastily spread a blanket about the babe and rushed her to the Central Emergency hospital.

Dr. Howell found that the child had received severe burns of the entire body but after a careful examination gave it as his opinion that she would recover. The little one's father is E. F. Tremain, a stevedore.

SHOOTS A MOTORMAN BECAUSE OF RIDICULE

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—The shooting of George Mackey, a motorman, while on a Sixty-ninth street car on October 4, was cleared up last evening by the confession of Harry Donnelly, a stenographer employed by a detective agency. Donnelly admitted to the police that he had fired the two shots.

"Mackey always laughed at me when I got on his car," Donnelly said. "He kept it up, until one day I could stand it no longer. So I shot him. He had no right to make fun of me."

Donnelly, who was away from home for several days after the occurrence, was accompanied to the station by his wife. The police will have him examined as to his sanity this morning.

BASEBALL NEWS

COAST LEAGUE	
San Francisco—	
Oakland	7
Vernon	6
Los Angeles—	
San Francisco	8
Los Angeles	2
Portland—	
Portland	3
Sacramento	0

AMERICANS WIN AT NEW YORK
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—The Boston Americans defeated the local Nationals by a score of 9 to 5.

SIGN YOUR NAME TO EVERY ARTICLE

Communications have been received at this office which will have to be ignored for the simple reason that the writer has neglected to sign his name thereto. It is a rule that no communications will be acknowledged which have not the signature of some person attached to them, and while the articles may be printed with the nonplum of the writer, still the true name must be known in the office.

GULF STORM WARNING

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 9.—The weather bureau today repeated its storm warnings of last night. A disturbance is reported over the gulf, just to the south of the western half of Cuba.

FRIGHTENED BY RAT AND SERIOUSLY INJURED

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 9.—A large rat ran under the feet of Grace Field, aged 15, yesterday, at her home. The frightened girl leaped for a chair and fell. Her arm was broken and she was seriously injured internally.

SNOW IS FALLING IN NORTHERN TEXAS

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 9.—Snow is falling generally today in the Texas Panhandle, the earliest fall in the history of that section. Four inches of snow is reported for Delhart.

IS DIVORCED FROM WIFE WHO RODE ASTRIDE

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Oct. 9.—Dr. James Castle of Lynn, Mass., was today granted a divorce from his physician wife, Mrs. Dr. Ora E. Castle of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

As the story was told in court, Mrs. Castle left her husband and went back to her Ohio home because Dr. Castle objected when, on the occasion of a public celebration in Lynn, she donned a picturesque cowgirl costume, and, mounted astride, rode through the principal streets of the city.

The divorce action was uncontested. The doctor testified that one night on arriving home he found the house vacant. His wife had gone, taking most of her possessions, and so he declared, some of his. When he heard from her she was at her old Ohio home.

A NEW METHOD FOR SHIPPING FRUIT TO THE EAST

Southern Pacific Perfects a Pre-Cooling Plant That Marks New Epoch in the Fruit Industry.

(By Associated Press.)
ROSEVILLE, Cal., Oct. 9.—A new intermittent inter-cooling plant, just completed by the Southern Pacific at a cost of a million dollars, began operations today. The purpose of the plant is the cooling of fruit previous to its trans-shipment to the eastern states, by a method which is said to insure delivery in a fresh condition. Ten refrigerator cars loaded with grapes were cooled

in two hours, and were then started for New York and Philadelphia with a delay of less than three hours. As a result of the successful preliminary tests today it will no longer be necessary to pick California fruit and vegetables green for shipment to the east, and this marks a new epoch in the fruit industry of California. Similar plants are being constructed at Colton, where citrus fruits from southern California will be cooled.

NO TERMINAL RATE CHARGE ON NEW RAILROAD

Railroad men are of the opinion that Nevada, Utah and other western states may be granted some relief in freight rates even before the interstate commerce commission has taken final action. A report has been current ever since the rate hearing that when the Western Pacific opens through to the coast this fall, George Gould will make a sweeping reduction of freight rates, installing a tariff sheet based on the number of miles the commodities are hauled, rather than upon water competition, says the Salt Lake Herald-Republican.

This sheet it is predicted will give a lower rate to Utah than to California, a lower rate to Colorado than to Utah. The principle of mileage will be the sole basis for the rate charged, except, of course, higher charges will be made for hauling some kinds of goods than others.

Frank B. Kindell, a brother of the noted George B. Kindell, of Denver, was in Salt Lake recently, and said he had had a letter from a Denver rate expert, notifying him to expect wholesale reductions in freight rates. The letter did not specify from what cause the reduction will come, but Frank Kindell

believes the Western Pacific will be the principal factor.

The reason railroad men are inclined to put faith in the report is because the Globe Express company, a distinctively Gould corporation, has announced that it would handle Wells Fargo consignments from Glenwood west on the Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific. It is known that a general alteration of the express tariff is now being made and it is believed these changes will include reductions.

"If express rates are reduced it is a moral certainty that freight rate reductions will follow," said a railroad man Saturday. For years Gould has been acting independently whenever he could and when his Western Pacific is completed he will have a route from coast to coast, and it means he can do as he may please. Heretofore the Denver & Rio Grande has had to maintain amicable relations with the Oregon Short Line, because no freight or passenger traffic originated at its Ogden terminal, nor could Gould route any traffic to the coast without using the Harriman lines. I would not be surprised to see a big slaughter of rates when the Western Pacific opens."

FIRST GAME OF NIGHT BASEBALL IN THE WEST

(By Associated Press.)
RENO, Nev., Oct. 9.—Several games of night baseball were played in the west, at the Chutes park tonight, between the regular San Francisco and Los Angeles Pacific coast ball teams. The result was a score of 17 to 11 in favor of the Los Angeles team. The park was lighted with scores of electric arc lights. The players used for a ball an ordinary indoor baseball which pitchers threw underhand. Most of the batters hit the first ball pitched, and the nine innings were finished in less than an hour. In all four home runs were made. The exhibition was for the benefit of the Elks' white squadron, which is to visit San Francisco during Portola week.

FINE DIAMONDS ARE FOUND IN OUR OWN COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—The official report of Douglas Sterritt to the United States geological survey, which has just been made public, and which declares that more diamonds were found in this country than ever before, has created much surprise in Malden lane.

Mr. Sterritt finds that the diamonds from Arkansas are as fine as those from the African fields.

Conditions in the Arkansas fields are more promising than ever before. At one point 540 diamonds were found, of which 505 weighed 217 karats. Three stones which were cut proved to be worth from \$60 to \$175 a karat.

The other states in which prospecting is now being conducted are California and Kentucky, and small diamonds are said to have been found in both.

HETCH-HETCHY PROJECT INTERESTS THE PRESIDENT

Has Called Secretary Ballinger to Visit the Yosemite and Investigate the San Francisco Water Proposition.

(By Associated Press.)
EL PORTAL, Cal., Oct. 9.—One of the results of the president's trip west has been the immediate improvement of immigration conditions at San Francisco. By the president's direction, Secretary Nagel at Washington today ordered the new immigrant station at Angel island, in San Francisco bay, to be opened at once. The opening of the station has long been delayed for want of appropriations.

The president is keenly interested in the proposition on foot at San Francisco to dam the Hetch-Hetchy

valley of Yosemite park, and create a lake there, in order to give that city a water supply.

Mr. Taft announced tonight that he was convinced that after a three days' stay in the valley with John Muir, that Secretary Ballinger's visit to Hetch-Hetchy next week and his investigation of conditions there will be greatly facilitated by having Muir as a companion. The president invited Muir to go with Ballinger, and Muir is opposed to making a water works out of the Hetch-Hetchy valley. His views are well known to Taft and Ballinger.

THE CASE DECIDED THE POLE DISCOVERED

It took 30 years for the great controversy to reach the court of last appeal.

At the request of the gray haired judges, the Eskimo expert, decrepit and tottering, was again called to the witness stand.

The attorney for Snook, after a vigorous objection from the attorney for Skeary, read his famous hypothetical question.

"You may answer," said the presiding justice to the Eskimo.

"Gloob woogymik," said the witness.

The judges looked at one another and shook their heads sagely.

"But if the conditions were reversed?" persisted the chief justice.

"Nikvat," replied the witness, "gaggleop sassyumuk, roomiylp glinglent blookyboop."

Again the justices looked at one another. This time they smiled sagaciously.

"You still hold to this theory?" remarked the chief justice.

"Sassarip," cried the Eskimo indignantly. "Sassarip, sassarop, Niky nikerip kiblo bloopyyap wook kankeroo nikak gigger ott."

This time the gray haired justices shook hands all around.

"The court will take this amazing admission under consideration," announced the chief justice, and, followed by his associates, he gravely withdrew to the inner room.

TIGERS HAVE SHADE ON PIRATES SAYS JENNINGS

PITTSBURG, Oct. 9.—"It is the best team in the American league against the best team in the National league, and the team that plays the best ball will win," declared "Happy" Hughey Jennings yesterday after his team had defeated the Pittsburgh team.

"They have great batters; and so have we. They have good pitchers; so have we. They are not strong in base-running, but we are. There is where we will have some advantage." "Honestly, I think our chances to win are a shade better than theirs. There is no possible comparison between the Tiger team of today and the Tiger team that played Chicago last fall and two years ago.

"Our infield is fully 50 per cent stronger. I don't expect old Tom Jones to play any better ball than Rossman did in the world's series, but I do expect effective work from Delahanty and Moriarty. Cobb and Crawford are playing better ball than they ever did before in their lives, and so are Davy Jones.

"I don't think that we will suffer anything in comparison with Wilson, Leach and my friend Fred Clarke."